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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, SP (MEYER BARBARA)
SUBJECT: W/W BARBARA MEYER

REF: STATE 114119

1. SENATOR RIBICOFF INTERESTED.

2. PHONE NUMBER GIVEN IN REFTEL WAS CALLED, AND MS. AURELIA GONZALEZ TOLD US THAT THE AMERICAN FRIEND LIVING WITH HER IS BARBARA MEYER. MISS MEYER WAS CONTACTED BY PHONE BY CONOFF AND VERIFIED THAT SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF MRS. MEYER WHO IS HAVING THE PROBLEM WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES AND HER PASSPORT. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN AS PAULA STEINBERG, AND HAS NO IDEA WHO PAULA STEINBERG CAN BE. THERE IS NO DOUBT HOWEVER THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH THE YOUNG LADY WHO IS THE TRUE SUBJECT OF THE REFTEL.

3. MISS MEYER HAS STATED THAT SHE LEFT SPAIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND RETURNED AFTER A FEW DAYS. SHE CAME TO THE EMBASSY, ON MARCH 10, SHORTLY BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF HER SIX MONTHS TOURIST STATUS, TO ASK WHETHER SHE SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE POLICE FOR PERMISSION TO STAY ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. SHE BELIEVED AT THAT TIME THAT

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EMBASSY EMPLOYEES HAD TOLD THAT THAT WAS NOT REQUIRED. EMPLOYEES VIGOROUSLY DENY THIS. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE WAS GIVEN INFORMATION REGARDING ADQUIRING RESIDENCY IN SPAIN. ACCORDING TO HER, SHE THEN DECIDED, AFTER TALKING WITH HER MOTHER, NOT TO BOTHER ABOUT THE RESIDENCY AS SHE REALLY DID NOT INTEND TO STAY LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE IT WORTH WHILE. THEN, ON JUNE 2, SHE WENT TO

POLICE TO ASK FOR A SIX MONTHS EXTENTION, AND IT WAS AT THAT TIME THAT IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT SHE IS HERE OUT OF STATUS. THE POLICE HAVE TOLD HER THAT UPON PAYMENT OF A 3,000 PESETAS FINE ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, HER PASSPORT WILL BE RETURNED TO HER. MISS MEYER HAS TOLD CONOFF THAT SHE WILL PAY THE FINE MONDAY. SHE AGREES THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE THERE HAD BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE INFORMATION GIVEN HER ABOUT SPANISH REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING HER TOURIST STATUS.

4. MISS MEYER HAS REQUESTED THAT HER MOTHER SEND HER \$50 THROUGH SCS TRUST FUND. PLEASE INFORM MRS. MEYER THAT BARBARA IS QUITE ALL RIGHT AND HAS NO NEED OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

5. PRIVACY ACT SIGNED AND AUTHORIZES RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO ANY INTERESTED PERSON.

6. FOR POSTS INFORMATION: IN CASES SUCH AS THIS ONE, COULD THE PRIVACY ACT RELEASE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE PARTY CONCERNED TELEPHONICALLY? EATON

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